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President's Message

Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas dinner a huge success! With over a hundred people attending, this made for a great time for all. The visit by Santa Claus delighted the children and made for a special evening. The food was ever so excellent, thanks to Bob Moresco and Frank McGinnis. The decorations were wonderful, thanks to Christine Justus.

In reading about some of our organization's history 20 years ago when we were called YACO, it was interesting to note that in 1981 we held a macaroni dinner at the fairgrounds with Andy Soldo, Ron Hill and Jerry Gospodnetich doing the cooking for over 400 people! Wow!! A month later a bus trip was organized to the Jackson/Tone area, followed by the Matica Iseljenska Hrvatske organization of Zagreb presenting YACO with a certificate of appreciation at a dinner held at the Miramar.

I look back with great pride on those events, and although we are smaller in number now, we share the same cultural spirit that keeps us together for the future.

Thank you,
Steve Belick

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Group "MAESTRAL"

The preeminent group "Maestral" from Dubrovnik was established more than 30 years ago and is still active. During this long period of successful activity, they received numerous awards and acknowledgements from various social and urban organizations. They performed 13 times at the famous Festival of Dalmatian songs in Omiš and won 13 awards from the judging committee and the audience.

They visited the Belgian Court at a personal invitation from the Royal couple. They traveled to almost all European countries and continents where Croatia has tourist interests, thus becoming ambassadors of Dalmatian song, Croatian folk music and of Croatian tourism in general.

"Maestral" issued two LP records and three CDs where they interpreted the music of Đ. Jusić, K. Magdić, M. Nardelli, and other composers as well as original melodies from the Dubrovnik area. Their music is the music of the sea, the hard Dalmatian stone, Dubrovnik, and of Stradun!

As our renowned poet Luko Paljetak puts it:

"..... these are the 'Maestral' singers! Close your eyes for a moment and listen to them. The Town rolls as a ship, on the waves of their music".

Klapa "Maestral"

Poznata klapa "Maestral" iz Dubrovnika osnovana je prije više od 30 godina i još je uvijek aktivna. Tijekom ovih godina Klapa je osvojila veliki broj nagrada i priznanja od organizatora i raznih društvenih i gradskih ustanova. Nastupaju 13 puta na poznatom Festivalu dalmatinskih pjesama u Omišu i osvajaju ukupno 13 nagrada stručnog žirija i publike.

Na osobni poziv belgijskog kraljevskog para gostuju na belgijskom dvoru. Posjećuju skoro cijelu Europu i većinu kontinenta gdje Hrvatska ima turističkog interesa i tako postaju ambasadori dalmatinske pjesme, hrvatskog folklora i hrvatskog turizma općenito.

Klapa je izdala 2 LP albuma i 3 CD-a sa glazbom Đ. Jusića, K. Magdića, M. Nardellia i drugih kompozitora, kao i izvorni napjevi iz dubrovačkog kraja. U svim skladbama prisutni su more, tvrdi dalmatinski kamen, Dubrovnik i Stradun.

Jer kao što je naš uvaženi pjesnik Luko Paljetak napisao:

"..... takva je klapa "Maestral"! Zaklopite zjene za tren i poslušajte ih, Grad se kao brod ljulja na valovima pjesme....."



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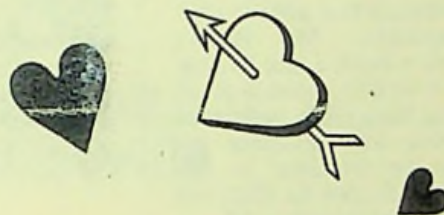
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My, how things have changed in the past century - especially prices.

Back in 1900, a good quality men's Suit could be bought for \$9.95. A pound of beef cost 13-cents (assuming it wasn't on sale). And a Stradivarius violin could be purchased for around \$6.00. Recently, one sold at auction in Paris for \$932,000.

Here's a look at 1900 prices for some commonly purchased items:

Item	1900	1999
Milk	7-cents qt.	\$1.17 qt.
Soda (btl)	2-cents	99-cents
Bread (loaf)	10-cents	\$2.49
Bananas (lb)	5-cents	59-cents
Gasoline (gal)	15-cents	\$1.55



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Tadija Pavic, Croatian patriot jailed by Tito

ESCAPED OVER ALPS; SETTLED IN CUPERTINO IN 1961

By the Mercury News

He spent 15 years doing hard labor in a communist prison in the former Yugoslavia but lived to see his beloved homeland become an independent state.

Born in Croatia in 1917, three months after the Bolsheviks overthrew the Russian czar to usher in the Soviet Union, Tadija "Ted" Pavic was a successful young market owner when Yugoslavia slipped behind the iron curtain under the control of its hard-line communist leader, Josip Tito.

A supporter of Croatian autonomy and ardent anti-communist, Mr. Pavic's politics landed him in prison, where he spent 15 years doing hard labor before his release and ultimate escape to freedom in the United States in 1961, his family and friends said.

He had just returned from a four-month trip to his native land when he suffered a stroke in December. He died of congestive heart failure Jan. 1 in Cupertino at age 84.

"He was, first of all, a devoted Croatian nationalist, and a good one. He devoted his life to seeing to it that Croatia became an independent state," said his son Zeljko Pavic of Cupertino, director of testing and information systems at San Jose State University.

Zeljko Pavic was 3 when the communist government of Yugoslavia imprisoned his father, confiscated the family's business and property, and left him, his mother and a 3-month-old brother out in the street, he said.

"My mother had to remarry when he was in prison because she could not get a job; we were considered enemies of the state,"

TADIJA "TED" PAVIC

Born: May 1, 1917, in Vrzelale, Croatia.

Died: Jan. 1, 2002, in Cupertino.

Survived

by: Sons, Zeljko Pavic of Cupertino and Nikola Pavic of Zagreb, Croatia; daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Pavic of Cupertino; grandchildren, Andrea Ann and Brian Tiltomir Pavic of Cupertino.

Services: Have been held. Burial will be in Zagreb.

Memorial: The family suggests donations in Mr. Pavic's memory to a fund in his name at the Croatian Catholic Mission, 901 Lincoln Ave., San Jose, Calif. 95126.



Zeljko Pavic said.

He said his father's stories of the brutality of the communist prison system were often too much to bear.

"I had a hard time listening to him describe it," his son said.

After his release from prison, Mr. Pavic escaped from Yugoslavia by walking over the Alps during the winter. He fell at one point and broke an ankle, and had it not been for Austrian border guards finding him, he would have frozen to death, his son said.

He was given political asylum in Austria and sponsored to the United States by the Roman Catholic organization Caritas, his family said.

Settling in Cupertino, Mr. Pavic became the center of Croatian nationalist activities in Silicon Valley. As a prominent patriot both in his homeland and

here, his home hosted a constant stream of Croatian politicians, dignitaries and religious and cultural leaders, said Nikola Kirigan Chargin of Gilroy, a close friend who first met Mr. Pavic in 1961.

Mr. Pavic, he said, was active in every Croatian national group in the country and headed some of those in the Bay Area, in addition to being one of the founders of the Croatian Catholic Mission and the Assumption of Mary Croatian Church on Lincoln Avenue in San Jose.

And Mr. Pavic's lobbying on behalf of his homeland helped persuade then-California Gov. Ronald Reagan to sign a proclamation declaring April 10 as Croatian Independence Day, Kirigan Chargin said.

"He was a very active Croatian patriot and was always giving time and money whenever he could," Chargin said.

When he arrived in this country, Mr. Pavic worked first as a janitor for International Paper, but before long his skills and abilities saw him promoted to lead machinist responsible for the night shift, his son said.

Mr. Pavic was overjoyed when Croatia was declared an independent state in 1991.

"We were so happy we did not know what to do; we were just popping one champagne bottle after another," Zeljko Pavic said.

In 1992, Mr. Pavic returned to his homeland for the first time in 31 years to be reunited with his former wife and another son who had remained there.

"He never forgot that day, when he boarded a Croatian Airline plane that took him to Zagreb, he never forgot that," his son said.

The February issue of *Fa* on tracing your Eastern E family history resources li The sub-section on Croati including here. They also Saints' (Mormon) Family Catholic, Orthodox and G roughly the late 1500s to 1946. These records are a History Centers.



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WEB SITES

Montenegro Genealogy Forum
<genforum.genealogy.com/montenegro>

Serbia Genealogy Forum
<genforum.genealogy.com/serbia>

Serbia GenWeb
<www.rootsweb.com/~serwgv>

Serbia Mailing Lists
<www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_mail_country-ser.html>

Slavic Cyrillic Transliteration Table
<www.loc.gov/rr/european/lccyr.htm>

Yugoslavia Mailing Lists
<www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_country-yug.html>

BOOKS

The Serbian Americans by Jerome Kisslinger (Chelsea House, out of print)



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lists several sources, which I am
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eek Orthodox Parish records from
e 1940s. Civil registration began in
ailable through the local LDS Family



Novi Sad sits on the Danube River in
s Vojvodina region. A number of
migrants came from Vojvodina.

• *Americans from
Yugoslavia* by Gerald G.
Govorchin (University of
Florida Press, out of print)

• *Yugoslav Migrations
to America* by Branko M.
Colakovic (Ragusan Press,
out of print)

ORGANIZATIONS

• **Archives of Serbia**
Karnegijeva 2, 11000 Beograd, Yugoslavia,
<www.archives.org.yu/history.htm>

• **Archives of Yugoslavia**
Vase Pelagica 33, 11000 Beograd,
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<www.arhiv.sv.gov.yu>

• **Cultural Society of South Slavs**
3510 Xylon Ave. N., New Hope, MN 55427,
(612) 544-6433,
<feefhs.org/frg-csss.html>

Slovenia

WEB SITES

• **Genealogy and Heraldry in Slovenia**
<genealogy.ijp.si>: Q&A, links to
surname searches, heraldry.

• **Origin of Slovene Surnames**
<www.arctur.si/slovenia/surnames.html>

• **Slovenia GenWeb**
<www.rootsweb.com/~svnwgw>

• **Slovenia Mailing Lists**
<www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_
mail_country-slv.html>

• **Slovenian Genealogy Research Aids**
<www.slovenianguenealogy.org/
onlineresources/orgresearch-aid.htm>

BOOKS

• *Researching Your Slovenian Ancestors*
by Branka Lapajne (BML Publishing Co.;
write 108 Hollywood Ave., Willowdale
Ontario, M2N 3K3, Canada)

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• **Archives of the Republic of Slovenia**
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• **Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia**
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• **Regional Archives of Maribor**
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• **Slovenian Genealogical Society**
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8804, <www.slovenianguenealogy.org>

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• **Croatia Genealogy Homepage**
<www.feefhs.org/cro/frg-hr.html>

• **Croatia GenWeb**
<www.rootsweb.com/~hrvwgw>

• **Croatia Mailing Lists**
<www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_mail_
country-cro.html>

• **Croatian Genealogy Links**
<www.curkovic.f2s.com/links.html>

• **Croatian Heritage**
<www.croatians.com>

• **Croatian Roots**
<www.croatianroots.com>

• **How To Do Croatian Genealogy**
<www.durham.net/facts/crogen>

• **RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees:
Croatian and Slovenian**
<www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/
lesson27.htm#Croations>

BOOKS

• *Croatia: Land, People, Culture* edited by
Frances H. Eterovich (University of Toronto
Press, out of print)

• *The Croatian Americans* by Ellen Shapiro
(Chelsea House, out of print)

• *A Guide to Croatian Genealogy*
by Adam S. Eterovich (Ragusan Press, \$14
from <www.croatians.com>)

• *Croatian Pioneers in America, 1685-1900*
by Adam S. Eterovich (Ragusan Press, \$15
from <www.croatians.com>)

• **Croatian Genealogical and Heraldic Society**
2527 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070,
(415) 592-1190, <feefhs.org/cro/
frg-cghs.html>

• **Croatian State Archives**
Marulićev trg 21, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia,
<zagreb.arhiv.hr>

• **Embassy of the Republic of Croatia**
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National costumes reflect each Eastern European
ethnic group's folk culture. Traditional Slovenian
dress, like other groups', comes from the peasant
costumes worn for dancing.

Attending the December 9th Christmas Dinner were 118 adults plus there were 8 children who were presented gifts by Santa Claus. Also, one of SACO's scholarship recipients, Jennifer Car, and her father, Peter, were our guests.

IN MEMORIAM

Patricia (Patty) Skefich
in Salinas

August 23, 2001 63 years old

Wife of Silvio Skefich

Mother of
Matthew and Sylvia Skefich

WELCOME

to new members

Tony and Charlotta (Strazicich) Car
Watsonville

Bill and Eileen Sambrailo
Aptos

THANK YOU

Prizes:

Scotty Atkins
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Jacqueline Zadravec

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Many thanks to all of the above.

Nina Matulich

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As sometimes happens, due to constraints of time and space, we kept putting off running the following note. This note from Sylvio and Patty Skefich was received nearly a year ago. Now, Patty is no longer with us. In memory of the appreciation she and her husband shared over their membership and friendships through SACO, we run it now.

Dear Nina,

Glad to renew our membership.
We read the newsletters with great interest, and are glad to be in touch if only in this way.

We hope to take part this summer.

We were very sorry to read of the passing of Buster and June, with whom we became slightly acquainted, and they seemed so nice and pleasant.

Sincerely,

Sylvio

To Thank You

The world's
a whole lot better place
because of people like you
Who give real joy and pleasure
by the nice things that they do,
And with your recent thoughtfulness
still very much in mind,
This is meant
to bring a "Thank you"
of the very warmest kind!

Dear Nina and Members
of Saco

The year comes around so quickly and you stop and wonder where it has gone. When we received the News letter and saw Eddie Hill's Memoriam we were shocked. Such a great person and devoted Club member. We are deeply sorry and I know that Ron is going to miss her terribly. There is a great healer but still not be forgotten.

We hope the Club has another good year and good luck to the officers.

Sincerely,
Rose & Martin Santich

DEAR SACO -

8/20/01

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Lillian Doncaich

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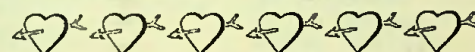
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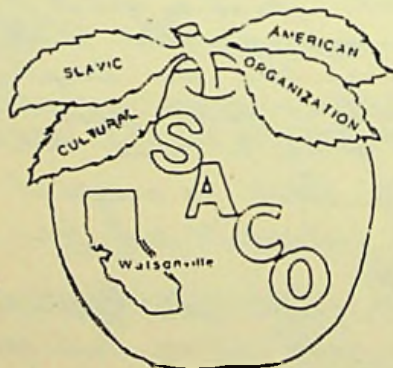
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